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SUBJECT: MERCHANT MARINE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL

REF: CARACAS 5376

1. MARITIME ATTACHE INFORMED ON JULY 10 BY AMERICAN FLAG LINES AGENT THAT HE BELIEVES THAT LAW FOR PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE WILL DEFINITELY BE SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC ON JULY 24, WHICH IS VENEZUELAN NAVAL DAY.

2. AGENT ALSO ADVISED ON A VERY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT ON JULY 6 ASIATIC PETROLEUM (INTERNATIONAL MARKETING BRANCH OF SHELL) INSTRUCTED SHELL OF VENEZUELA TO MAKE ALL FUTURE SHIPMENTS ABOARD VENEZUELAN FLAG VESSELS IN ANTICIPATION OF PASSAGE OF PROPOSED LAW.

3. ASST. DIR. GEN. CORDIPLAN, ALEJANDRO SUELS, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF PRESS REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO CORDIPLAN CHIEF, ANTONIO CASAS GONZALEZ, THAT GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR VENEZUELA SHIP CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. SUELS SAID STUDY WOULD INCLUDE FEASIBILITY OF BOTH TANKER AND GENERAL CARGO SHIP CONSTRUCTION WITH VIEW TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPLYING NOT ONLY VENEZUELA, IN CONNECTION WITH OBJECTIVES

OF MERCHANT MARINE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL, BUT
ALSO OTHER ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES, AND POSSIBLY CENTRAL
AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.
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